

It is told that ages ago the hanging of stockings over the Yuletide log in the big chimney place originated in Scandinavia. The story has it that a maiden fair sat one Christmas Eve beside the chimney place, silently wishing for enough "shen cloth" to fashion into her wedding gown. Her glances straying over the Yule log placed for the great lighting at the full flow of the Yuletide, the maiden sat, silently wishing, while the sun went out and the sombreness of night filled the room. Suddenly down the chimney came a glimmering sprite of the forest, and while standing with all the grace of a court grandee on the Yule log, he softly sang:

"Wishing, wishing, in the Yule-log's name—
Keep wishing thy stockings full;
Answer will come o'er the Yule-log's flame—
Keep wishing thy stockings full."

The legend has it that when the maiden leaned forward the better to penold the sprite he disappeared up the chimney as fantastically and uncannily as he had come down. Although the maiden was a-flutter with wonder and fear, she did not forget the admonition "to wish her stockings full." In the sombreness of the room she took the slipper and stocking from her right and from her left. She hung the stockings on the chimney place over the Yule log. Then, doubtlessly blushing furiously over her boldness, she fled from the room, hoping and wishing for enough "shen cloth" to fashion into her wedding gown. She fled from the room, quite afraid of the forest sprite, still tremblingly trusting him to serve as "father to her wish" and fetch the cloth to the chimney place before Christmas dawn.

In the very early Christmas dawn the maiden fair returned to the chimney place, and sure enough both stockings were full of a silken fabric, quite enough to fashion into her wedding gown. So unto this day the stockings are hung on Christmas Eve, where the most generous spirit of them all—the original Kris—may discover them in mute appeal, ready for his gifts. It must be told that the custom became more modest as generation succeeded generation, until only one stocking was hung for the "wishing full."

With what gentle hands and hearts throbbing sweet hope millions of children now hang the stockings on Christmas Eve, and how lovingly "ministering angels" in millions of homes fill the stockings in answer to the children's faith in Santa Claus. It is a beautiful custom, this hanging of the stockings on Christmas Eve, and a wonderful delight for the children. No more charming charity can be done during the Yuletide than filling the stockings for children who live in homes that Santa Claus seems "to forget." If one desires to be genuinely charitable on Christmas Eve, one cannot do better than to buy a half dozen or a dozen pairs of stockings, and fill one stocking of each pair with candy, nuts, an orange and an apple—or with any kind of gifts—and then attach the unfilled stockings "to forget" of those you have filled, and there are gifts enough to make as many children happy as you have purchased pairs of stockings.—Selected.

Guest of Mrs. Cohen.
Miss Betty Brainerd, of Vassar College, daughter of Mrs. Brainerd, of Seattle, Wash., will be the holiday guest of Mrs. Samuel Cohen, at No. 10 East Grace Street.

Miss Brainerd's mother is remembered in Richmond as Miss Mary Belle Beale, a most accomplished and agreeable woman. The old Beale homestead on Ninth Street was a very famous and historic place. It is said that in its library Aaron Burr was taken for his preliminary trial.

A Gracious Compliment.
That Admiral Evans is past master in the ready art of paying graceful compliments is evident from a reply made by him to Mrs. Claude A. Swanson, at a social function attended by both just previous to the sailing of the United States fleet for the Pacific coast. Mrs. Swanson said in greeting, "I am sorry to hear that you have been ill, admiral."

"Then be glad to know I am better,"

answered the admiral, "I am always better when I see you, madame."

Woman's Club.
Mrs. Frank W. Duke, chairman of the music committee, has secured a unique attraction for to-morrow afternoon at the Woman's Club in the persons of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Myrick, known as the Edelweiss musical artists. They come from Innsbruck, in the Tyrolean Alps, and will appear in the quaint costumes of their native country to play on those instruments which are so characteristic of their fatherland—namely, the zither, guitar, viola d'amore and the Alpine violin, or bow-zither, seldom heard in this country.

They will also include in their program the songs of the Tyrolean mountaineers and genuine yodling will be a specialty.

Hostesses for the afternoon will include Mrs. J. Alston Cabell, Mrs. E. T. Crump, Mrs. Thomas Jeffers, Mrs.

Theodore Page, Mrs. Rutherford Rose, Misses Margaret Morson, Fannie Munford and Helen Weidman.

Class Christmas.
Wednesday being Christmas Day, the history class will be omitted, and on Friday evening, the 27th instant, at a quarter past 8 o'clock, a bridge whist tournament will be played, the game being progressive whist. As usual, members are entitled to invite gentlemen partners, or may play with other club members, but no ladies, residents of Richmond, can be asked.

In Honor of Miss Squibb.
Mrs. Frank B. Isaacs, of the Chesterfield, entertained delightfully at tea Thursday afternoon in compliment to her niece, Miss Squibb, of Brooklyn, N. Y. Young ladies invited to meet Miss Squibb were Miss Annie Gray, Miss Lella Gray, Miss Margaret Ferguson, Miss Harris, Misses Cooke, Miss Eliza Parkinson, Miss Street, Misses Purcell, Miss Courtney Crump, Miss Lora Crump, Misses Selden, Miss Kitty Lancaster, Miss Townsend, Misses Meredith, Misses Lindsey, Miss Ball, Miss Hazard, Miss Emily Gravatt, Miss Robinson, Misses McIntire, Misses Binford, Miss Wendels, Miss Juliet Osterloh, Miss Williams, Miss Lucy Parks Taylor, Misses Gordon and Miss Chamberlayne.

Mrs. Philip Powers presided at the tea table, and Misses Parkinson, Meade and Lancaster assisted. Decorations throughout were in Liberty roses.

A Charming Group.
A charming group of girls who will spend the holidays at the Chesterfield are Miss Emily Cunningham Lyman, granddaughter of Mrs. George Cunningham, who is spending the winter at the Chesterfield; Misses Woodward, the daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Minor Woodward; Miss Lora Crump, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James L. Crump, and Miss Nell Potts, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John D. Potts.

Miss Royall Complimented.
The New York Times of Thursday, December 19th, says:
Mrs. Heth Lorton gave a card party yesterday afternoon at her residence, No. 62 East Fifty-fourth Street, for Miss Page Aylett Royall, of Richmond, Va.

Among the guests were the Misses Angelica Schuyler, Lucia, Alicia, Schoonmaker, Helen Sanier, Isabel Geer, Edith Johnson, Lucinda Davis Bateson, Alice Hunt, Virginia Schoonmaker, Hewlett, Enid Locke, Carolyn Rogers, Helen Trotter, Helen Littell, Rosalie Livingston Jones, Olga Kobbe, Mary Ostrander, Marion Bull, Mary Itell, Louise Jones, Prentiss, Alice Peters, Beale Selden, Susanna Glover, Eleanor Townsend and Edith Whitehead.

Miss Royall is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William L. Royall, of Richmond, Va.

Private Car Party.
Mrs. C. E. Doyle and Miss Alice Doyle entertained a party of friends last week in Mr. Doyle's private car from here to Lexington, Va., where Mrs. and Miss Doyle went to spend several days with Cadet Doyle, of the Virginia Military Institute. Members of the party were Judge and Mrs. James Keith, Miss Juliet Keith, Miss Louise Purcell and Miss Sowers.

Personal Mention.
Miss Allens Stokes and Miss May Jones, who have been enjoying a delightful and extended trip to Baltimore and New York, will return to the Chesterfield, this city, for the holidays. Mr. E. W. Forsyth, the champion lightweight wrestler of Princeton University, has been spending a few days with his brother, Mr. Marshall Forsyth, at the University of Virginia. Both of the young gentlemen will come to Richmond for their Christmas holidays.

Miss Janie Moore, Miss Elizabeth Winn and Miss Alice Woodward, all students at Stuart Hall, the Episcopal Female Institute in Staunton, Va., reached Richmond Thursday night, to remain during the Christmas holidays.

Mr. Francis Deane Williams has returned after a brief visit to Houston, Va.

Mr. James H. Drake spent some time in Danville during the past week.

Mr. Robert E. Scott is visiting friends in Roanoke.

Mr. John C. Curd is at the Hotel Roanoke, Roanoke.

Senator Martin has introduced in the Senate a bill authorizing the payment of \$10,000 to Mrs. Tyler Semple, late of Williamsburg, Va., but now a resident of the Louise Home, of Washington, for property taken and destroyed by the Federal troops during the Civil War.

Mrs. S. L. Lowry, of Charlottesville, is the guest of friends in the city.

The Rev. G. M. Taylor, pastor of Memorial Methodist Church, has returned from Charlottesville, where he went to officiate at the Rea-Watson marriage.

Mrs. N. F. Morton and Miss Rosalie Morton are visiting Mrs. W. G. Hamner in Lynchburg.

Mr. S. H. Nulton has returned from a business trip to Roanoke.

Mr. C. M. Hewton is spending a few days at the Hotel Roanoke, in Roanoke.

Hon. Harry St. George Tucker and Mrs. Tucker are at Winchester, where they are the guests of Dr. and Mrs. William P. McGuire. Mr. Tucker's mother, Mrs. John Randolph Tucker, is spending the winter with Dr. and Mrs. McGuire.

Mrs. E. W. Shiflet, of Raleigh, N. C.; Mr. George A. Bowen, of Clarke county, and Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Weiss, of Brunswick, are at the Jefferson.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Leathers, of Dumbarrow, have issued invitations for the marriage of their daughter, Hattie Elizabeth, to Mr. Wise Everett Baber, formerly of Richmond. The wedding will take place on December 28th, in the home of the bride's parents.

Miss Anne Lyle Irving is the guest of friends in Buckingham.

Mr. and Mrs. Thom Henderson, of Norfolk, have gone to Culpeper, where they will attend a house party. Later Mr. and Mrs. Henderson will go to New York to be present at the opening of the opera season.

Mrs. Lanier, of the Severn Apartments, Norfolk, who has been sick in Richmond for several months, has returned home for the holidays.

Mrs. R. J. Lackey and Miss Elizabeth Lackey, of Newport News, are

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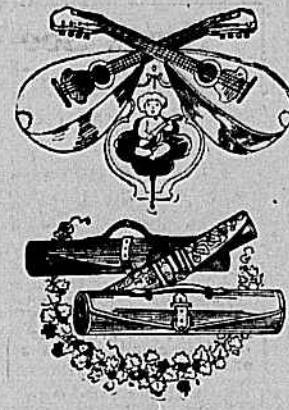
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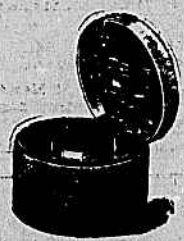
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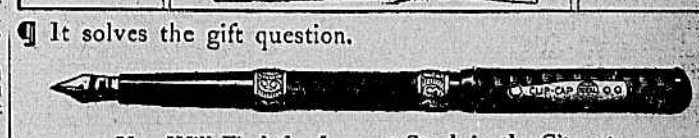
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